GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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COST OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Most propose indexing cess on petrol and diesel` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated June 6, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the alternative in hand of the Government for proportionate increase in cess with price index;

(d) the total cost of National Highways development project estimated at the current prices; and

(e) the total amount of cess on petrol and diesel allocated to the central road fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c) There is no proposal at present for proportionate increase in cess on petrol and high speed diesel with price index.

(d) Rs. 54,000 crores at 1999 prices.
(e) No amount has been allocated to the central road fund as yet.